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MEMORANDUM

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
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TO: The Commission

FROM: John T. Riley, Hearing Examiner

DATE: September 19, 2000

SUBJECT: Coyote Network Systems, Inc., Coyote-GLD Acquisition Inc.
and Group Long Distance, Inc.

Joint Application for Approval of Agreement and Plan of
Merger.

RECOMMENDATION: Grant the Motion to Withdraw Application and dismiss matter
by yellow sheet.

On July 19, 2000, Coyote Network Systems, Inc. ("Coyote") and Group Long Distance, Inc. ("GLD") ("Petitioners") applied jointly for Commission approval of an agreement and plan of merger, whereby a wholly owned subsidiary of Coyote, Coyote-GLD Acquisition, Inc., would merge with and into GLD with GLD continuing as the surviving entity. Coyote would also acquire all of the outstanding shares of GLD's common stock. GLD provides telecommunications services to Illinois customers pursuant to authority granted in Docket 96-0211, October 5, 1996. GLD will continue to operate in all material respects as a regulated entity pursuant to its present certifications, tariff requirements and rate structures.

On August 21, 2000, Petitioners filed a Motion to Withdraw Application on the grounds that Petitioners had determined from conversations between its counsel and Commission Staff that Commission approval is not necessary for the above-described transactions.

Since GLD is properly certificated in Illinois and will continue to provide telecommunications services to Illinois customers, and since there are no other issues for the Commission's consideration, I recommend that the Commission grant the Motion to Withdraw Application and dismiss this matter by yellow sheet.

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